

Remarks

A clerical error is corrected in claim 59. A tandem repeat of the word composition is resolved to a single occurrence.

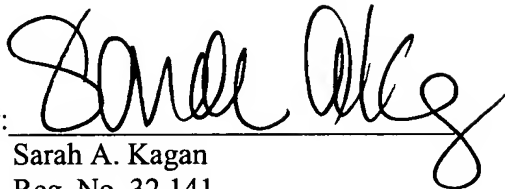
A clerical error is corrected in claim 60. The correct units are “per 300 ml” rather than “per liter.” The correct units are supported at paragraph 74 on page 24 of the specification as filed, which discloses (emphasis added):

[74] Seawater viscosity was determined using the following procedure. Seawater solution was prepared by dissolving 41.95 g of sea salt (ASTM D1141-52, from Lake Products Co., Inc. Maryland Heights, Missouri) in 1 liter deionized water. **300 ml of seawater solution** was transferred to a mixing cup that was attached to a Hamilton-Beach 936-2 mixer (Hamilton-Beach Div., Washington, D.C.). The mixer speed control was set to low and a single fluted disk attached to the mixing shaft. At the low speed setting, the mixer shaft rotates at approximately 4,000-6,000 rpm. **0.86 g of biogum product was slowly added** over 15-30 seconds to the mixing cup and allowed to mix for 5 minutes. The mixer speed control was set to high (11,000 ± 1,000 rpm) and the test solution was allowed to mix for approximately 5 minutes. The mixture was allowed to mix for a total of 45 minutes, starting from time of biogum product addition. At the end of the 45 minutes mixing time, 2-3 drops of Bara Defoam (NL Baroid/NL industries, Inc., Houston, TX) was added and stirring was continued for an additional 30 seconds.

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It is believed that this correction does not constitute new matter.

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